

## KANSAS RELIEF SHIP SAILS NEXT TUESDAY

Will Carry Gift of 6,500,000  
Pounds of Flour to Feed  
Belgians.

FUND HERE IS NOW \$770,000

The Kansas relief ship will sail next Tuesday, carrying a gift of 6,500,000 pounds of flour for the Belgians. This represents "just the loose change" of the people of Kansas, according to ex-Congressman Charles F. Scott of Topeka, Kan., who is here to see that the ship gets off all right.

The ship is the *Hannah* and is in charge of the committee for Belgian Relief, though the relief committee of Kansas has done the work in the last few weeks of securing a full load for her. The Kansas society of New York will be on hand to see the vessel leave and give Mr. Scott, who will go to Belgium, the right of commendation. Mr. Scott said yesterday that Kansas's committee was preparing to send another ship.

This shipload contribution to Belgian relief by the people of Kansas represents their loose change, he said. "Kansas" is rich this year. There has been a big crop due to a favorable season. Never has the yield of corn and wheat been greater in Kansas. The aggregate volume of farm products in Kansas this year, according to the latest figures, is \$428,000,000, or \$2,000 a family. Therefore it is easy for Kansas to give.

One of the events of the week for foreign relief is the dance that the Paul Jones Club will give at the Vanderbilt hotel next Wednesday evening under the auspices of the La Fayette Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide soldiers with kits made up of necessary things and a few luxuries. Miss Maggie Teyle will appear in costume and will sing.

Among those in charge of the affair are Miss Anne R. Morgan, Mrs. K. Van der Bilt, Miss Elsie de Wolfe, Mrs. John Leachman, Mrs. Philip Livermore, Mrs. Lee Thomas, Mrs. Leonard Thomas, Mrs. William Astor Chanler and Mrs. Le Roy Elder.

The Belgian Relief Fund received \$8,599 yesterday, making the total \$770,000.

The Secours National Fund for the women and children of France has now received a total of \$51,289.66. Mrs. Whitte, 145 East Forty-seventh street, received \$470 yesterday.

The fund for the American Ambulance Hospital in Paris received yesterday \$1,125.31. The fund now totals \$262,660.

## TELLS OF ROOF VENTURE.

Miss Morgan Explains Split Back of Business Enterprise.

To-morrow night, under the patronage of Miss Anne Morgan, Mrs. K. Van der Bilt, Miss Elsie de Wolfe, Mrs. John Leachman, Mrs. Philip Livermore, Mrs. Lee Thomas, Mrs. Leonard Thomas, Mrs. William Astor Chanler and Mrs. Le Roy Elder, will be thrown open to the public.

"It is rather a new venture," admitted Miss Morgan when asked about the new venture. "You see, we knew that New York was full of places where people could dance, but most of them were in expensive hotels and rather out of the way. By choosing a location in the center of town and opening a hall at very moderate prices we hope to be very successful. We feel that, owing to the war and the hard times, spirits are rather lower than usual, and we hope to provide an antidote in the form of dances and the dancers at moderate prices. It will be rather like the German beer gardens without the beer. Whole families may come and watch the dancing, and there will always be a teacher for any one wishing to learn the new steps."

There will be served for the 50 cent entrance fee, and a soda fountain for soft drinks has been designed by Miss Elsie de Wolfe, where refreshments will be served. The roof garden is so large that it is hoped to accommodate more than a thousand persons at a time.

Miss Morgan will be there to-morrow night for the christening of the new dancing hall.

Among the patrons and patronesses of the new Strand Roof Garden are: Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, Madame Alia, Mrs. Archibald Alexander, Mrs. Frederick Nathan, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, Miss Clara B. Spencer, Mrs. M. K. Simkovich, Mrs. F. W. Whitridge, Daniel Frohman, Mrs. W. P. Morgan, Mrs. P. McNeill Bacon, Jr., Miss Maple Wetmore, Miss Gertrude Robinson Smith, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Mrs. F. Y. Dalziel, William McAdoo, Mrs. Vernon Castle, Miss Blanche Bates, Mrs. Alice Harcourt Fisher, Mrs. Paul Morton, Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. Winthrop Ames, Frederick Keppel, Henry W. Taft, Mrs. John Drexel and Mayor Mitchell.

Beginning to-morrow there will be a full lunch and dancing from 1:30 a. m. to 2 p. m., prices from 5 to 20 cents; tea and dancing from 4:30 to 6:30, and dancing every evening from 8 o'clock until the hour for closing.

## VAN DYKE THANKS RED CROSS.

Minister at The Hague Acknowledges Receipt of Clothing.

Henry van Dyke, United States Minister at The Hague, cabled the American Red Cross yesterday acknowledging the receipt of 200 boxes of warm clothing and blankets shipped by the American organization for Belgian refugees in Holland. These relief supplies were sent in two shipments by the Red Cross in the middle of December.

"All goods mentioned in your cablegram of December 15 are received," advised Minister Van Dyke, "and already distributed. Thank Red Cross for splendid, useful gifts."

In announcing that \$15,000 had been sent to the American Consul-General at Beirut for relief work in that vicinity the other day the Red Cross credited the \$5,000 donation to Cleveland H. Dodge of New York, when it should have been credited to Mr. Dodge's son, Bayard Dodge, who is in a college at Beirut.

## AMERICAN WOMEN HELP.

Duchess of Marlborough, Mrs. Ward and Others in War Relief.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. London, Jan. 2.—The Duchess of Marlborough, Mrs. Ward and others in War Relief. The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Countess of Vaudreuil, the chairman of the committee, will make a full report, and Lady Lowther, nee Alice Blight of Philadelphia, and other members of the committee will speak.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILLS STAFF.

Mr. Perkins Reappoints Men Who Served Under Whitman.

District Attorney Perkins, who succeeded Governor Whitman as chief of the New York county, was in his office all day yesterday. He appointed the reappointment of the members of his staff, all of whom had been on Mr. Whitman's staff.

Mr. Perkins said that no changes had been made in the personnel of the staff. The chief business opens to-morrow morning he will be ready to go ahead and continue the work of his predecessor.

## WOMAN LOSES SUIT FOR INSULT ON TRAIN

Appellate Division Sets Aside  
Verdict in New Haven  
Damage Suit.

By a vote of three to two the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court decided yesterday that although a New Haven Railroad conductor used insulting language to a woman passenger when she said she couldn't produce a ticket because it had been taken up by another conductor, no verdict for damages was justified, because the woman didn't have a ticket.

The plaintiff, Mrs. Augusta Robinson, is the wife of Irving E. Robinson, buyer for Baltimore department stores. She sued for \$20,000 damages, and got a verdict for \$2,500. Justices Dowling and McLaughlin, who dissented from the majority in their decision ordering a new trial, held that Mrs. Robinson had been damaged \$1,000 and should have a judgment for that sum.

The testimony showed that in 1912 Robinson bought his wife a ticket entitling her to ride over the New Haven to Springfield and over the New York Central to South Framingham.

Mrs. Robinson went to South Framingham on a commutation ticket and used the ticket her husband bought in returning. She testified that the New York Central conductor took her ticket in the ride between South Framingham and Springfield and that a New Haven conductor, who boarded the train after it left Springfield, abused her because she did not have the half entitling her to continue her trip to New York.

The majority of the court decided that it was not unreasonable for the New Haven conductor to demand Mrs. Robinson's ticket and that it would be impracticable for a conductor to take a passenger's word that his fare had been paid without some evidence of the fact. The court said that the New Haven road was not to blame for the unauthorized use of the New York Central conductor keeping Mrs. Robinson's ticket.

## MANN'S TARIFF BOARD FIGURES.

Recites in Third Resolution That U. S. Lost Heavily in Trade.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Representative Mann introduced in the House today a third resolution on the creation of a tariff board. Mr. Mann has started a campaign to direct public attention to what he regards as the desirability of creating a board that will guide Congress in making scientific revisions of the tariff.

Mr. Mann recites that exports for the eleven months ended November 30, 1914, dropped more than \$382,000,000 while imports increased \$66,000,000, and that in the same period the United States shipped abroad \$141,750,000 more gold than it did in the corresponding eleven months of 1912.

He charges that these figures show that the Democratic tariff "is disastrous to the business of this country," and points to the necessity for the creation of a tariff board.

## \$50,000 REQUEST TO HARVARD.

For Endowment of a Chair in the Medical School.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 2.—A request of \$50,000 for the endowment of a chair of gynecology at the Harvard Medical School to be known as the William H. Baker chair of gynecology, is contained in the will of Dr. William H. Baker of Waltham, filed to-day at East Cambridge. Dr. Baker was a graduate of the Harvard Medical School, class of '72.

The endowment will not take effect until after the death of the wife of the testator.

## MANY WOMEN OF NEW YORK SOCIETY ARE BUSY DAILY PACKING KITS FOR SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT

Lafayette Fund Hurrying to  
Get Third Shipment Ready  
by Saturday.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. William Astor Chanler, Miss Anne Morgan and groups of other maids and matrons prominent in society may be seen any afternoon enveloped in dainty gingham aprons packing kits for the French soldiers in the trenches. At the headquarters of the Lafayette Fund at 13 East Thirty-third street the floor is piled high with bales of army supplies and on long tables the kits are displayed, neatly arranged in little piles.

Mrs. Astor is busy there nearly every afternoon packing them into huge boxes for the next shipment of kits, which goes on the French steamship *Niagara*, sailing next Saturday. A number of young women of society, including Miss Janet Scudder, Miss Emily Sloane and Miss Margaret French, will be there all this week, and there will be the last hands to touch the kits before the boxes are unpacked along the *Alme*. In each package everything is designed to add to the comfort of a soldier on the fighting line, and to mitigate the hardships of a winter campaign. A fleece lined shirt and a pair of fleece lined drawers, two pairs of woolen drawers, a pair of woolen gloves, an abdominal belt with six safety pins, a dark muffler, a colored handkerchief and a small cake of soap comprise the outfit.

The Lafayette Fund was organized six weeks ago with the backing of an influential committee. The animating sentiment of the movement was to repay partially the debt of the United States to France incurred during the Revolution and typified by the names of Lafayette and Rochambeau.

Miss Anne Morgan expressed double interest in the work. "It fulfils two purposes," she said, "by also giving employment to the needy through our vacation war relief fund, which has headquarters on Thirty-ninth street. We employ a number of women and girls thrown out of employment by the war, or the wives and mothers of reservists who are without means of support, to make garments for the war hospitals and for the relief of the suffering in Europe. The Lafayette Fund has recently placed many orders for kits with us, and we expect the girls will become quite adept at making the heavy muffers and shirts."

Mrs. John Jacob Astor, one of the most active members of the executive committee, said: "I am deeply interested in the fund because it is founded on humanitarianism and is serving a double purpose for good. The Lafayette Fund is material evidence that Americans have not forgotten the debt of gratitude we owe to France. It is more than that. It is a factor of aid for American girls who have been thrown out of employment by war conditions. The recent packing many kits between the Lafayette Fund and the vacation war relief committee means that hundreds of formerly unemployed girls will be kept at work at wages sufficient to give them the necessities of life."

## Countrywide Support.

The movement has received ardent support all over the United States. During the first week following the announcement of the plan sufficient funds were raised to commence the work on a large scale. Boston reported \$1,000 contributions to the fund at the end of the first week. The French people have contributed freely, and letters have come from many persons whose ancestors fought with Lafayette in the Revolution.

As indicating the widespread interest in the fund the committee tells of an old lady, 84 years old, who walked from her home on 116th street to give her contribution personally.

"My grandfather, Charles Francois," she told the committee, "joined Lafayette's expedition when he was only 16 years old. He came to America as a drummer boy, fought through the Revolution and was raised to Lieutenant. I feel this is the least I can do in his memory."

Two shipments of kits already have been made. The shipment going Saturday on the *Niagara* contains more kits than the other two together. It will be received at Havre by M. Lecourt Guyet, Membre de l'Institut de France. Military trucks will be in waiting to take the boxes straight to the soldiers on the firing line. The first shipment of kits arrived on Christmas morning, according to a cable message received by the secretary here, and was received with much enthusiasm by the soldiers. An endeavor will be made in the future to send a shipment of kits by each French liner that sails.

The name of the contributor will be enclosed in each kit and to become a contributor only two dollars, the price of one kit, is needed. A check for \$500 entitles the donor to become a founder. \$100 a sustainer and \$25 a subscriber. All contributions should be sent to Arlet Hotel, New York.

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## NEW HAVEN SEEKS LAW FOR \$300,000,000 LOAN

Will Ask Three States to Legislate as Basis of New Financial Plan.

As a basis of the new financial plan of the New Haven Railroad the directors are arranging to ask the Legislatures of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island for the passage of a law governing the issuance of a mortgage of \$300,000,000. President Howard Elliott confirmed the fact that the legislation will be asked, but was emphatic in announcing that no lobby will be engaged to hasten action on the proposed bills.

The conflicting laws under which the New Haven is chartered are said to have been the cause of much of its recent financial troubles, and as a consequence it was obliged to confine its financing when times were good to issuing new stock and to the issuance of short term notes since times have changed. This has made it necessary for the company to pay as much as 7 per cent, including the underwriting costs, discounts and other expenses for most of the money it has obtained recently.

The passage of the proposed law, uniform in each State, will make it possible for the New Haven to adopt a new financial plan similar to the ones used by the other standard roads. In this way it is believed millions of dollars will be saved.

It is expected that under the mortgage proposed the company will be enabled to obtain money at 4 per cent and issue the new bonds at par. The mortgage will be a first lien on the entire mileage of the road as it is at present constituted, but for the present it will not be mortgaged for more than \$75,000,000. The balance of the \$300,000,000 mortgage will issue from time to time as the needs of the company may dictate and the public service boards permit.

It is not believed the necessary legislation will be opposed unless the opposition comes from lobbyists. Mr. Elliott has been greatly opposed to the lobby interests, and because of that fact they have been bitter against the New Haven.

## DAILY PAPER FOR GREENWICH.

Rich Men of Colony Backers of the "News and Graphic."

GREENWICH, Conn., Jan. 2.—A daily newspaper is to be started here by men of wealth whose business is in New York and whose homes are in Greenwich. Nelson E. Barton of New York will be managing editor. The *Greenwich News*, a weekly, was bought to-day from Fred W. Lyon. The newspaper is to be a semi-weekly, first and third issues of the *News and Graphic*. It will be made a daily later.

Among those taking stock in the \$15,000 corporation, which is called the Greenwich Publishing Company, are Percy Rockefeller, Commodore George Lauder, Jay, a nephew of Andrew Carnegie; Judge R. Jay Walsh, Charles D. Lanier, Luke Vincent Lockwood, Commodore W. H. Childs, Martin J. Quinn, Julian W. Curtis, Judge James F. Walsh, Commodore E. C. Benedict, John A. Scher, Wilbur S. Wright, Commodore Charles T. Wells, John D. Barrett, George E. F. Dominick, Jr., Dr. A. W. Klein and Dock Commissioner R. A. C. Smith. Luke Vincent Lockwood is president, A. F. Dominick, Jr., vice-president and A. W. Marshall secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Lyon has bought the *Citizen of Milford*, Conn.

Big Drop in Gem Imports.

The appraiser of merchandise of the port of New York announced yesterday that the total value of precious stones imported last year was \$19,276,591. This is a long way behind the importations in 1913 and in 1912, which amounted to \$46,137,328 and \$40,571,943 respectively.

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## The Annual January Sale of Women's Superior Underwear

BEGINS Monday, involving several large purchases of very desirable American-made garments, together with our own extensive collections of high class lingerie in the most favored models, materials and trimmings, all of which will be offered

At a Saving of Fully One-Third from Regular Selling Prices

Night Gowns, at 65c, 79c, 95c, 1.10 to 3.45 Regularly \$1.00 to 3.50	Chemises, at 48c, 75c, 89c, 1.00 to 2.50 Regularly 69c to \$3.75	Corset Covers, at 45c, 59c, 75c, 89c to 2.65 Regularly 65c to \$3.75
Combinations at 80c, 98c, 1.25, 1.55 to 3.85 Regularly \$1.10 to 5.95	Drawers, at 38c, 55c, 72c, 98c to 1.90 Regularly 60c to \$2.85	Petticoats, at 69c, 85c, 1.00, 1.20 to 3.50 Regularly \$1.00 to 4.95
Envelope Chemises, Regularly \$1.10 to 3.50, at 79c, 98c, 1.10, 1.35 up to 2.25		

Crepe de Chine Undergarments at the following proportionate reductions:

Crepe de Chine Gowns at \$2.85 and 3.95 Regularly \$4.45 and 5.95	Crepe de Chine Envelope Chemises, at \$1.95 and 2.75 Regularly \$2.95 and 4.25	Crepe de Chine Knickerbockers, \$1.90, 2.65 Regularly \$2.85 and 3.95
Crepe de Chine Combinations at \$2.95, 3.85 Regularly \$4.25 and 5.75		Crepe de Chine Underbodies, at 95c, 1.30 Regularly \$1.45 and 1.95

### Colored and Black Silks

Monday, at exceptional price inducements:

#### 5000 Yards of Colored Shantung

In white, black and all the latest Spring shades; a well-known copyrighted name appears on selvaige. Regular price \$1.00 a yard

Black Satin Duchesse, 36 inches wide, high lustre, Yard 88c  
Regular price \$1.25 a yard

Black Crepe de Chine, 40 inches wide, heavy quality, Yard \$1.15  
Regular price \$2.00 a yard

Black Satin Charmeuse, 40 inches wide, suede finish, Yard \$1.38  
Regular price \$2.00 a yard

Black Chiffon Faille, 40 inches wide, Regular price \$2.75 a yard, at \$1.78

### Women's Smart Blouses

At prices that cannot fail to attract our patrons

Blouses of Allover Lace, over flesh color linings, braid trimmed or at \$2.85  
Blouses of Crepe de Chine, Value \$4.00  
new military collar, in white, flesh or sand,

Blouses of Lace, Georgette Crepe and Crepe de Chine, showing fashion's smartest effects in white, flesh and sand color, Value \$6.75

A remarkable offering, Monday, of

#### Boys' Wash Suits at \$1.65

Regular Values \$3.00, 3.50 and 4.00

In Midy, Oliver Twist, Russian, Sailor and various novelty effects and newest colicings in imported rep, galatee, linen, madras, chevrons and kindergarten cloth; sizes 2 1/2 to 8 years.

### The Dress Goods Dept.

HAS prepared a very important Mid-Winter offering for to-morrow, Monday, consisting of these highly interesting values:

2500 Yards Imported Black Broadcloth, 54 ins. wide, sponged and shrunk, light weight, high lustre, at \$1.28 a Yard  
Regular Value \$2.00 a yard

1500 Yards All Silk Black Grenadines, 40 and 44 inches wide, all silk, in various weaves, at 50c a Yard  
Regular Value \$1.00 a yard

And in addition, several thousand yards of

#### All Wool Serge at 75c a Yard

in black and a large assortment of the new Spring coloring including various shades of navy blue.